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No Service Tonight—

There will be no service or choir practice at Grace Episcopal Church tonight. The rector, the Rev. W. S. Short, is in Portland and could not very well return by tonight.

Excursion Tonight—

The moonlight excursion which was to have been given on last Friday night will be given by the St. Agnes' Guild tonight. Holders of tickets please take notice. The boat leaves the Callender dock at 7:30 o'clock.

Captain Planck Here—

Capt. A. M. Planck, the manager of the tug-of-war tournament during the last regatta, is in the city and attended the meeting of the regatta committee last night. The men in this line of sport were glad to see Captain Planck and gave him a fine reception.

Pilot Commission—

State Pilot Commissioner A. V. Pendleton, Sylvester Farrell and F. J. Taylor met in formal, monthly session yesterday afternoon and audited the current accounts and adjourned. There is little doing in that department these days.

From Far Chicago—

G. A. Hemphill, a bright young lawyer of Chicago and a graduate of the Chicago Law School, has cast his lot in with Astoria and the Astorians. He came out at the suggestion of his friend, Rev. G. E. Rydquist, and is immensely pleased with Oregon, Clatsop and Astoria; and will take immediate steps to qualify professionally and settle down here.

By Twenty-two Miles—

Astoria, via the A. & C., the "North Bank" and the Great Northern Railway, is just 22 miles nearer to Chicago than it is by any other routing. From the official Railway Guide, time cards and other authoritative literature the relative distances are as follows: By the routing named above, 2365 miles; via the Northern Pacific, 2387 miles; and over the O. R. & N. and Union Pacific, 2391 miles.

To Destroy Thistles—

Acting on instructions from the county court, letters were sent out from the office of the county clerk yesterday to all the road supervisors in Clatsop county calling attention to the laws in relation to thistles. Each road supervisor is requested to destroy all thistles growing on the public highways within his district and to notify all property owners therein who are permitting the noxious weeds to grow and go to seed. While the county court is unable to

designate with exactness just what kind of thistles are to be destroyed, it advises that all species be cut down so that there will be no question about the noxious ones being included in the work of destruction. A city ordinance also calls upon all property owners to destroy thistles.

Widow Gets \$200—

A check for \$200 has been received by William Olsen, secretary of the local Carpenters' Union No. 917, from the headquarters of that organization, for the benefit of Mrs. Edward Edwards, the widow of the late Edward Edwards, who lost his life by drowning in the Columbia river several weeks ago. The deceased was a member of the union and the prompt payment of his death claim was gratefully received by his wife.

Attachment On Saloon—

Sheriff Pomeroy went to Seaside last night to serve the papers in the proceedings of attachment against Frank Scott, a saloonkeeper of the beach town. The American Importing Company is the plaintiff in the matter and claims that it has \$213.40 coming from Scott which it has been unable to collect. The Sheriff's plan of action, under the attachment papers, was to close the saloon and place a care taker in charge. Scott is well known in Seaside and throughout the country.

The Swimming Tank—

The foundation for the swimming tank that is to be constructed in the basement of the new Allen building at Eleventh and Duane streets has been laid. The tank will be approximately 48 feet in length, on the inside, and 16 feet in width. Because of the great weight of water that the bottom of the tank must sustain, estimated at about 125 tons, the bottom is constructed thickly and strongly, and in such a manner that the center of the weight will be directed onto the thickest parts.

To Swap Climates—

Collector of Customs W. F. McGregor, of this port, yesterday, received a letter from a party by the name of G. F. Baldwin, liquidating clerk at the custom house at Eagle

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Pass, Texas, on the Mexican border, suggesting that he would like very much to exchange places and service with anyone up here, disposed to try it down there; in other words, to "swap climates," as he wanted to get back nearer to his "native home," but just where that is, he failed to state. The letter will be answered in the negative, no doubt.

Should Be Stopped—

A prominent citizen of Astoria has filed complaint in this office and with Chief of Police Gammal, of the boys and young men who do their swimming along the waterfront of Trullinger's Astoria in the early evening, without even pretending to wear bathing suits of any degree or kind, and who flaunt their nakedness at the passing trains of the A. & C. to and from Seaside. Steps will be taken by the police and by the railway authorities to enforce the ordinances of the city in this behalf, and secure a decent observance of the common rules of morality and propriety.

Damaged By Fire—

The Eva of Eden, a small gasoline launch, was badly damaged by fire early yesterday morning. The craft is the property of Emo Poukalla who went on board in search of a leak of gasoline in one of the pipes. Not thinking of the danger of carrying a burning lantern he went below in the hull, where an explosion occurred by the leaking gasoline catching fire. In his effort to extinguish the flames he was burned about his hands and face but not in a very serious manner. The house is badly wrecked, and a large quantity of milk and cream on board is a total loss.

Home From Lake—

W. T. Eakin, with his daughters, the Misses Bessie and Mary Eakin, arrived home yesterday on the steamer Charles R. Spencer, from a seven weeks' sojourn at Christmas Lake, in Lake county, whither they went for a summer outing, and, incidentally, to close up Mr. Eakin's claim on 320 acres of land. During their stay there, they had the misfortune to lose their tent and some of their personal effects in a camp-fire, but all pluckily stuck to the errand and came home well and happy. Judge J. A. Eakin

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Portland Business Men—

Tom Richardson of the Portland Commercial Club and Manager Whyte of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce have for some time been in communication, regarding the business men of the Rose City making an excursion to this city for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with each other. Portland has for some time been carrying on these excursions to the towns throughout the state, and is now planning to visit Astoria. Mr. Richardson has asked this city to set a date for their visit, and Manager Whyte is trying to arrange the meeting to take place during the coming regatta at which time he thinks their trip can be made most enjoyable.

Excellent Regatta Plans—

The regatta committee held a meeting last night and authorized the chairman and secretary to enter into a contract with Professor Enna for a singing festival. Messrs. H. F. Prael, G. C. Fulton and Olof Anderson were upon motion appointed a committee to arrange for a tug-of-war by representatives of various nations. The chairman and secretary were authorized to advertise the regatta. The Queen contest was discussed and action postponed until the next meeting. The chair appointed the following gentlemen as heads of sub-committees to report plans and approximate expenses for the various events: H. F. Prael, marine parade; S. M. Gallagher, land parade; C. M. Celler, grand stand.

Open Taft Campaign—

Republicans of Oregon will open the Taft campaign with a monster

rally at Portland next Monday night. The demonstration is under the auspices of the Republican state central committee. Senator Fulton will be the principal speaker. It is promised that the Presidential campaign will be opened with great enthusiasm as the result of this gathering of stalwart Republicans. Steps will be taken at the rally to form a Taft club, the first to be organized in this state. A committee will be named to plan the organization of such an organization and other clubs will be formed throughout the state. The idea in forming these organizations is to make a strong campaign throughout the state during the coming fall.

A Suggestive Purchase—

Mr. Hansen, the well known postmaster at Frankfort, was in the city yesterday, and among other cheerful data he was able to furnish from that N. P. terminal, said, that on Friday last a Mr. Reed, of Portland, operating confessedly for the Northern Pacific Railway Company, had concurred a purchase, from Frank Bourne, of 140 acres of land at a cost of \$27,500; and would have taken the remaining 160 acres of Mr. Bourne's holdings at the same ratio, if that gentleman had been willing to sell it, which he was not. The conclusion is reasonable that the N. P. is feathering its terminal holdings there, or else has a pretty keen idea that there is oil in that neighborhood. The land bought adjoins the lease-hold of the Wade interests there, now boring for the fuel fluid.

Takes Triple Tumble—

Three drunks each got two days in police court yesterday. One of them had what might have been a serious experience early yesterday morning if not picked up by an officer in time to put an end to his sky-larking. The man, C. Clayton by

name, a fisherman, started out with a friend Monday night and proceeded to have a good time in Astoria until a late hour, when they bought a supply of liquor to take with them on board their fishing boat that was lying at the dock. After a while they went for a little cruise on the river, until their liquor gave out, when they again returned to this city to put in a fresh supply. They landed at Fishermen's Landing when Clayton attempted to leave the boat, but his load was a great deal heavier than he anticipated, for as soon as he stood up in the craft he immediately tumbled overboard. His comrade, who was in but little better condition, jumped in after him, and succeeded in getting him in the boat again. After a little rest Clayton again attempted to get ashore and again tumbled into the river, and his friend as before went in after him, and this time succeeded in getting him on the wharf where he was staggering near the edge and would have fallen over again, if an officer had not at this moment arrived and taken him to the jail, where he spent the night in a very happy mood, in spite of his wet and uncomfortable condition.

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